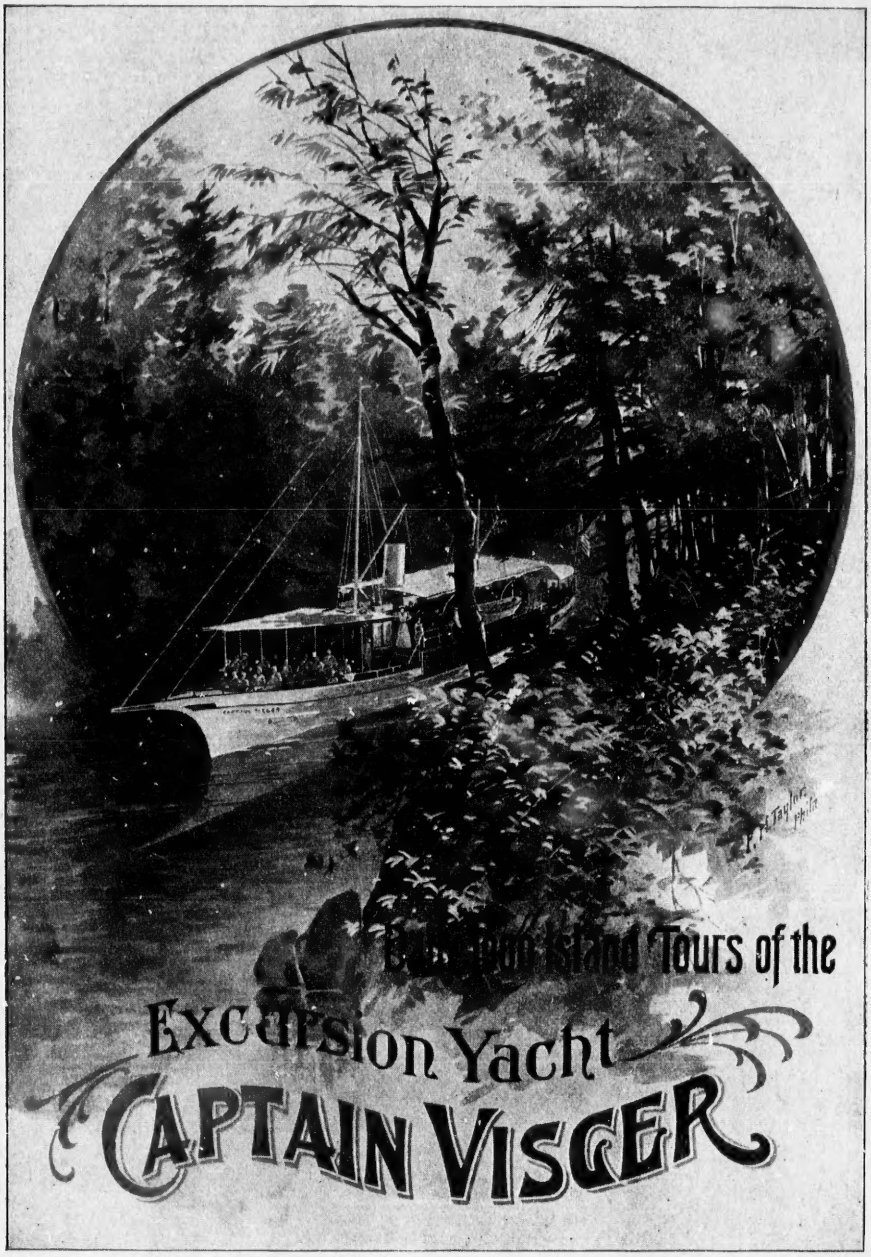

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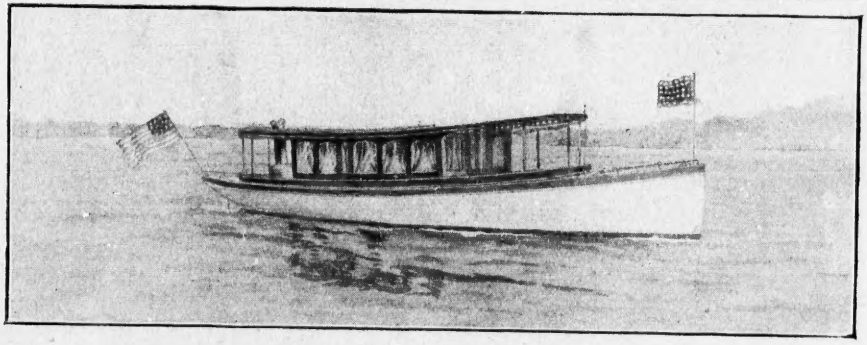

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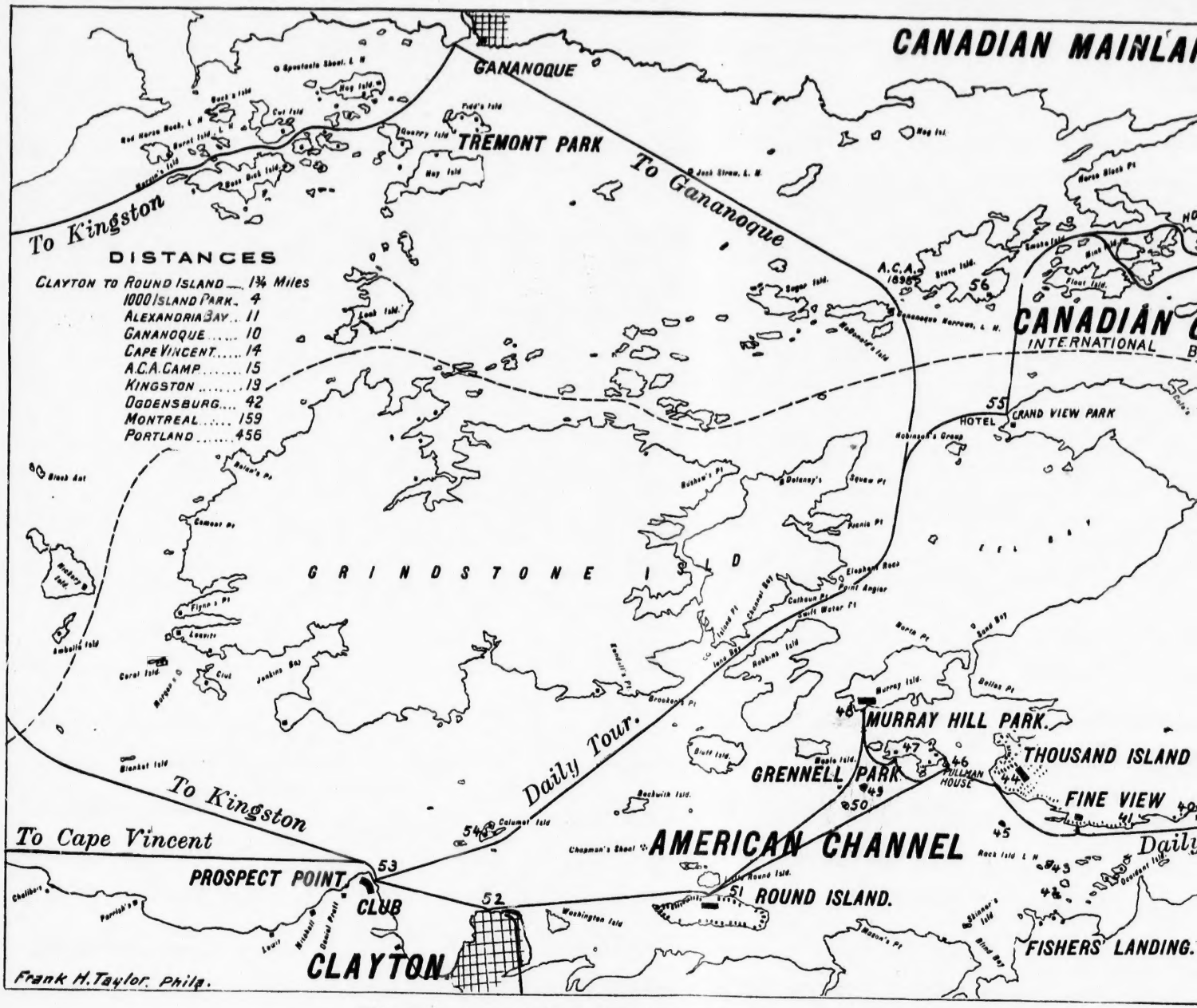

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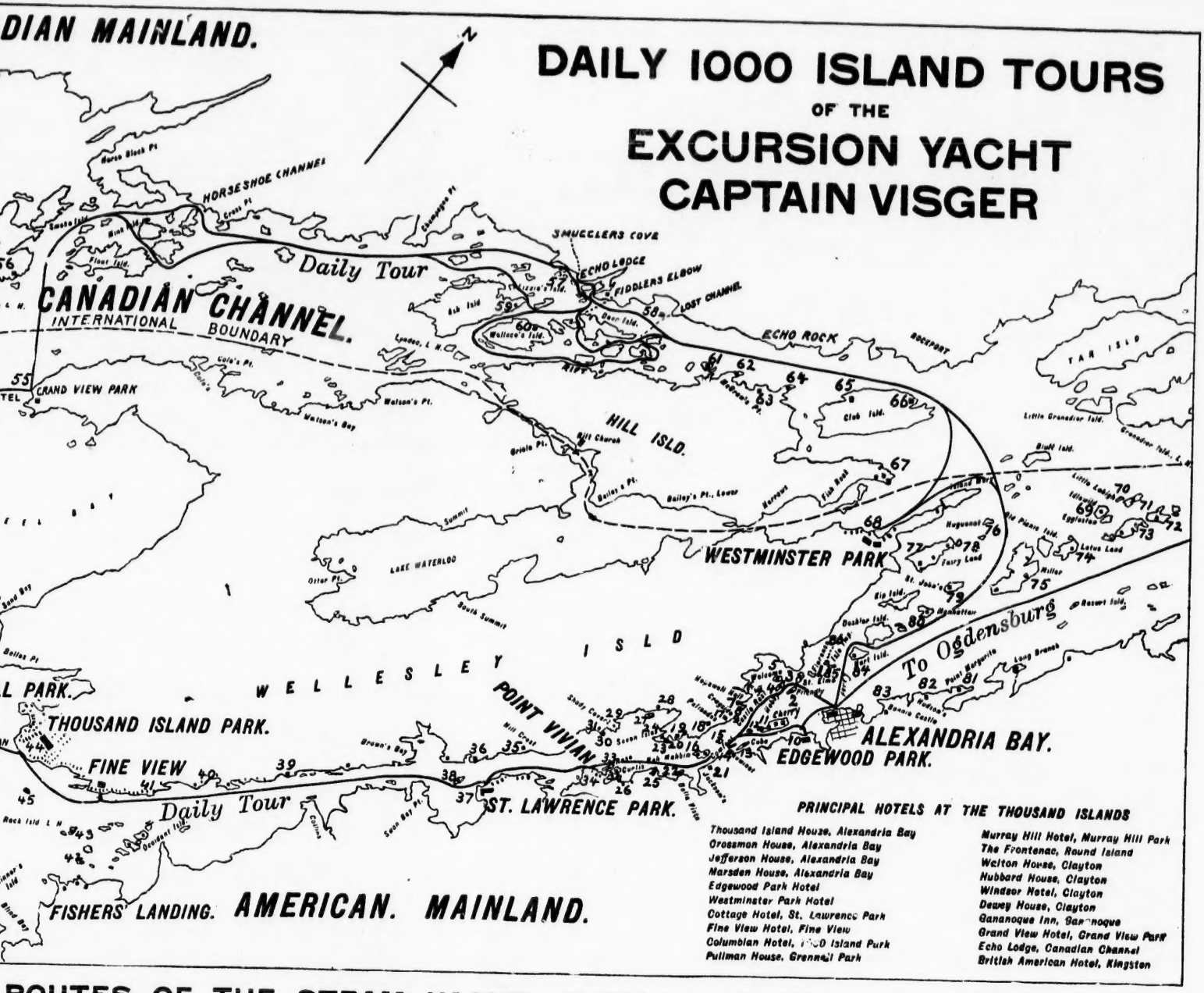

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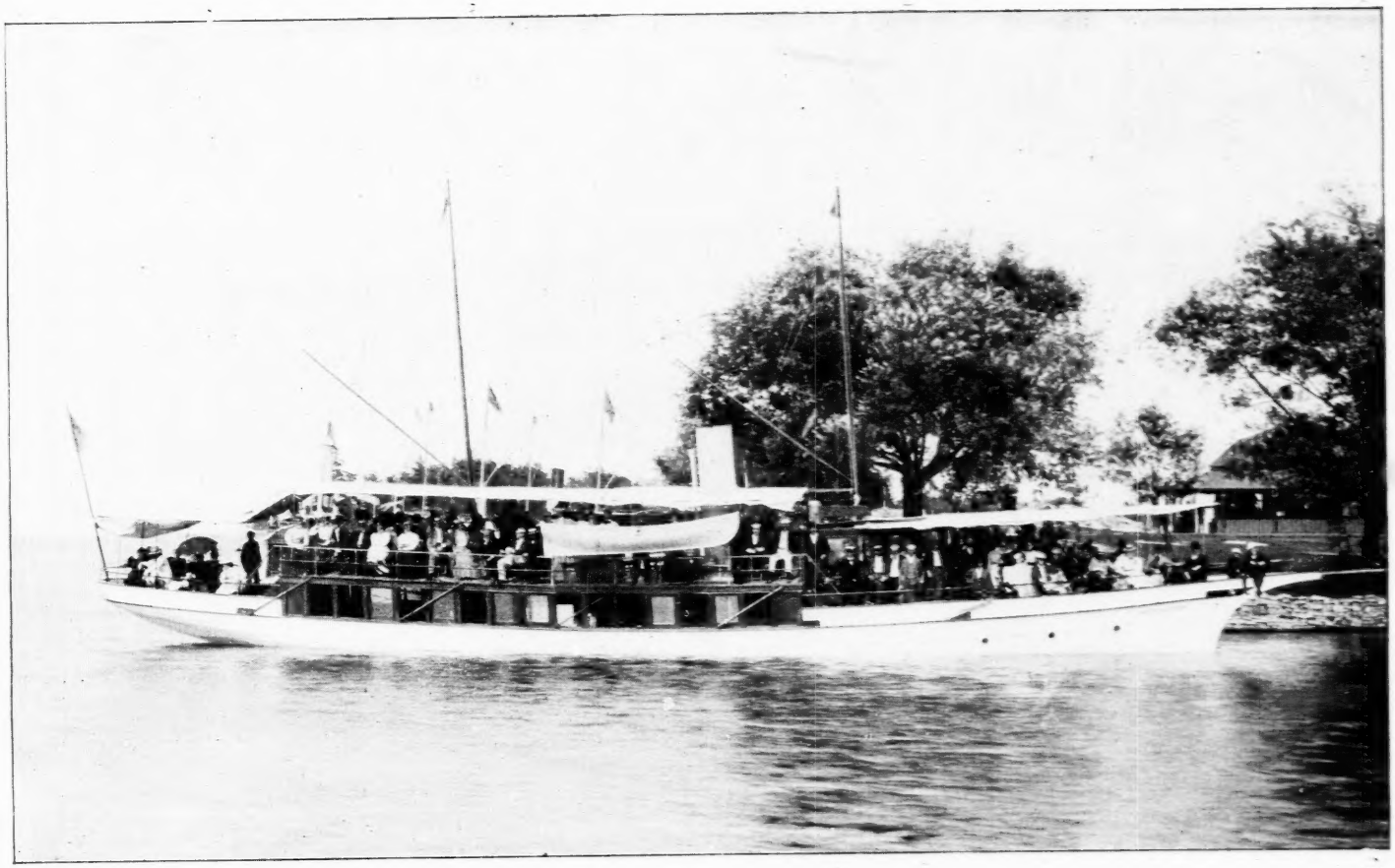

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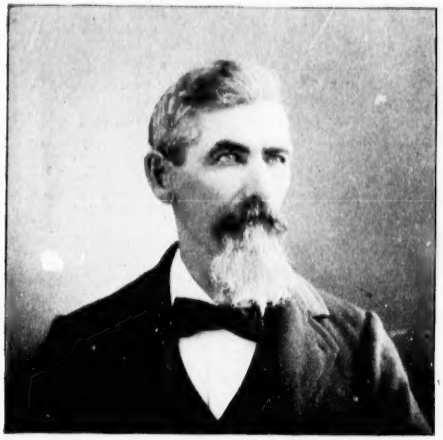
AMONG THE THOUSAND ISLANDS

A Tour Upon the Captain Visger



CAPT. E. W. VISGER.

THIS swift and popular rambler among the intricate channels of the lovely Thousand Islands bears the name of the well-known steamboat captain who first opened to the public the famous circuit of the Islands by regular daily excursions. The Commander of the CAPTAIN VISGER is a son of this pioneer navigator.

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Twice daily the CAPTAIN VISGER leaves Alexandria Bay during the summer season, making a tour of 40 miles, which includes stops at all important points among the Islands, and gives a complete panorama of all the magnificent natural attractions and hundreds of splendid summer homes which are the admiration of all visitors.

The morning tour leads up the American Channel to Clayton, thence through Eel Bay and along the Canadian main shore, where are grouped the most beautiful of the wild Canadian islands. The afternoon tour begins at Clayton and reverses the direction. The itinerary following is that of the forenoon tour, the places named being designated by numbers upon the accompanying map. Those using this list for reference in the afternoons should read the list backwards.

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Alexandria Bay.

OPPOSITE ALEXANDRIA BAY.

IMMEDIATELY across from the starting point is a group of magnificent villas, each upon a separate islet or point, forming a superb picture. Other beautiful properties occupying the chain of islands extending down the river, will be passed upon the return trip.

No. 1. FLORENCE ISLAND. H. S. Chandler, Brooklyn.

2. DEWEY ISLAND. E. W. Dewey, New York City.

3. ST. ELMO ISLAND. N. W. Hunt, Brooklyn.

4. NOBBY ISLAND. Henry R. Heath, Brooklyn. This place is just behind Dewey Island. The CAPTAIN VISGER usually passes between them. Upon the site of Mr. Heath's beautiful cottage the first summer home among the islands was located. It was built by Mr. Heath in 1870.

5. WELCOME ISLAND. The Thousand Island Club Casino and Yacht Club.

6. CASTLE REST. Built by the late Geo. M. Pullman of Chicago, and now owned by his daughter, Mrs. Frank Lowden, Chicago.

7. HOPEWELL HALL. Wm. C. Browning, New York City. A beautiful home, set high upon a crag and embellished with a wealth of flowers, probably unequalled in America.

8. CAMP ROYAL. Rev. Royal H. Pullman, Baltimore. A gentleman who has summered here under canvas for many years.

9. Adjoining CAMP ROYAL is the spot, marked by a fine pine tree, where Miss Clara Barton, the famous head of the Red Cross Society in America, makes her summer bivouac.

IN THE AMERICAN CHANNEL.

10. Across upon the mainland is EDGEWOOD PARK, its handsome hotel and private cottages.

Casino of the Thousand Island Club. Welcome Island.

Heart Island, Owned by Mr. Geo. C. Boldt.

Channel Between Dewey and St. Elmo Islands.

No. 11. Just in front of it is CHERRY ISLAND, containing four cottages respectively owned as follows: INGLESIDE, Mrs. G. B. Marsh, La Porte, Indiana (at the foot of the island); CASA BLANCA, Luis Marx, New York; STUYVESANT LODGE, J. T. Easton, Brooklyn, and SUNNYSIDE, Rev. Geo. Rockwell (Estate), Tarrytown, N. Y.

12. THE DEVIL'S OVEN. A remarkable rock owned by Mr. Henry R. Heath, Brooklyn.

13. CUBA ISLAND (near the mainland and very like in shape to its tropical namesake). Mrs. Michael Chauncey, Brooklyn.

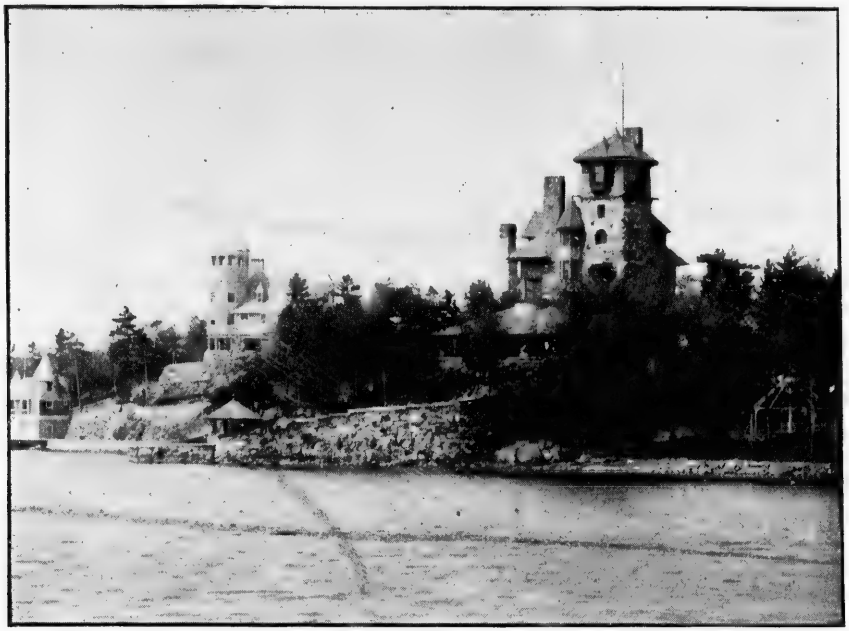
14. WAUWINET. C. E. Hill, Chicago.

15. STONY CREST. S. R. Van Duser, Newburgh, N. Y. Formerly owned by H. H. Warner, of Rochester. It is located in midstream.

16. COMFORT ISLAND. Occupied by two fine properties, the lower one being that of Mr. A. E. Clark, of Chicago, and the upper, NEH MAHBIN, which is detached by a small artificial channel, that of Jas. H. Oliphant.

17. Upon Wellesley Island, facing the main channel, are CRAIGSIDE, H. A. Laughlin, Pittsburg, and

18. PALISADES, G. T. Rafferty, Pittsburg.



Castle Rest, built by the late Geo. M. Pullman.

Hopewell Hall, owned by Mr. Wm. C. Browning.

No. 19. IDLEHURST. W. M. Lambie, Theresa, N. Y.

20. LOUISIANA POINT. J. W. Johnson, Plainfield, N. J., and are also upon Wells Island.

21. KEEWAYDEN, J. W. Jackson, Plainfield, N. J., is upon a beautiful promontory of the mainland, opposite Neh Mahbin.

22. BELLA VISTA LODGE, Wm. Chisholm, Cleveland, O., stands upon a grassy point of the mainland.

23. AUF WIEDERSEHN. A new cottage with an extensive wharf above Louisiana Point. D. H. Scott, of Watertown.

24. SEVEN ISLES. Hon. Bradley Winslow, Watertown, N. Y.

25. LINDENHOF. Frank Ritter, Rochester, N. Y. Upon the mainland, just above, is

26. ALLEGHENY POINT. J. S. Laney, Cleveland, O.

In Dinsmore Bay, Wells Island, are:

27. ELSINORE, Mrs. F. A. McAffee, New Haven, Conn., and

28. DELFT HAVEN, Gen. J. B. Van Petten, Claverack, N. Y.

29. SHADY COVERT. B. J. Maycock, Buffalo.

30. ISLAND ROYAL. Royal E. Dean, New York City.

31. EDANISTA. Dr. Thos. Wilson, Claverack, N. Y.

32. GIPSEY POINT. J. M. Curtis, Cleveland, O.

33. ROSE ISLAND. Hon. H. P. Rose, Cleveland, O.

34. POINT VIVIAN. A pleasant little settlement occupied mostly by residents of near-by towns.

35. HILL CREST. J. H. Shields, Philadelphia.

36. HATNELL POINT. Dr. H. D. Payne, Watertown, N. Y.

37. ST. LAWRENCE PARK (formerly called Central Park), with its hotels and several attractive cottages set in an abundant grove. This is one of the most pleasant and homelike points upon the river. The late Hon. C. W. Hackett, Utica, N. Y.; Hon. Chas. R. Skinner, State Supt. of Public Instruction, Albany, N. Y.; Judge P. C. Williams, W. G. Williams, J. T. Moffatt, C. H. Remington and B. B. Taggert of Watertown, have long had cottages here.

No. 38. ST. HELENA ISLAND. H. Stillman, of Oswego, who has suggested the Napoleonic idea by mock redoubts commanding the channel. A short distance up the river, above the last-named point, and upon the shore of Wellesley Island, is the site of McDonnell's Wharf, where the Steamer Sir Robert Peel was burned by "patriots" upon the night of May 30, 1838. This was one of the many exciting incidents of the border disturbances of that period.

39. "ISLAND KATE," a picturesque spot occupied by a small but handsome cottage, is the home of G. W. Lascelle, of New Haven, Conn.

Keewayden, owned by J. W. Jackson, Plainfield, N. J.

40. At "JOLLY OAKS" Messrs. John Norton and O. T. Green, of Carthage, N. Y., and the family of Hon. W. W. Butterfield have cottages.

41. "WAVING BRANCHES" is a pleasant group of cottages occupied by residents of this part of the State.

Many small cottages are ranged along the shady margin of Wellesley Island below Fine View Hotel. This has long been a popular resort, and commands, as its name indicates, a beautiful outlook.

Opposite the FINE VIEW SETTLEMENT is a group of picturesque islands, several of which contain cottages, the largest of which is

42. ISLE OF PINES. John Cooper, New York City.

No. 43. ROCK ISLAND contains a lighthouse guarding one of the most contracted and dangerous points upon the line of navigation. The CAPTAIN VISGER turning here to the right, after touching at FINE VIEW, passes between two shoals just upon the surface, and heads for the wharf at THOUSAND ISLAND PARK, the most populous place among the islands.

44. THE COLUMBIAN HOTEL, located here, is one of the largest and best known of the Island houses. Several hundred cottages, some of them costly and tasteful, range along the river front or face the inland avenues.

45. CASTLE FRANCES, opposite "The Park," is owned by Wm. J. Serrell, Bayonne, N. J.

46. THE PULLMAN HOUSE, another attractive hotel, beautifully situated, is the next regular stop, and just above it is

47. GRENELL PARK, containing about thirty cottages and a pretty chapel. Among the cottages is JERSEY HEIGHTS, upon a lofty perch just above the Pullman House, owned by Mrs. L. L. Carlisle, of Newark, N. J.; Riverleigh, upon the point owned by L. E. Curtis, of New York; Kirmess, owned by T. B. Keer, Englewood, N. J.; these two are connected by a little rustic bridge; and the BUNGALOW, upon the summit of the island, owned by P. M. Sharples, of Westchester, Pa.

48. MURRAY HILL HOTEL, recently built, is the next call. This is a wildwood park, already well dotted with cottages set among the crags and verdure. The hotel is a large and elegant building, handsomely furnished. It should be mentioned that the CAPTAIN VISGER is the only steamer making the Island Ramble that touches regularly at the Pullman House, Grenell Island and Murray Hill Park.

49. BASSWOOD ISLAND. Thos. A. Gillespie, Pittsburg, Pa.

50. WORONOCO. Charles Terry, New York.

These are both new and costly places.

After passing these island homes the CAPTAIN VISGER steams across the broad open interval direct for

51. ROUND ISLAND and its large HOTEL FRONTENAC. Seventy cottages are ranged along the shores of this well known settlement. At the north end are the cottages of N. H. Freeman, Gouverneur, N. Y.; John Dunfee, Syracuse. BROOKLYN HEIGHTS, Chas. A. Johnson, New York. SHADY LEDGE, Frank H. Taylor, artist, Philadelphia, and CHANNELSIDE, C. C. Darby, of Cortland, N. Y. Above the steamer wharf are, among many ranged along the shore,

View from Echo Lodge.

CARPE DIEM, Mrs. Jas. Eaton, Syracuse, those of L.V. Rathbun, Rochester; Geo. M. Barnes, Syracuse; Anthony Lamb, Syracuse; E. M. Allowelt, Syracuse; Fred Frazer, Syracuse; F. M. Metcalf, Westmoreland, N.Y.; E. M. Henderson, Wheatport, N. Y.; Mrs. S. B. Kirk, Syracuse; Ex-Mayor Kirk, Syracuse, and at the head, ETHELRIDGE, Dr. Geo. D. Whedon, Syracuse; Jacob Hays, New York; H. Van Wagenen, New York; Congressman J. J. Belden, Syracuse, and N. A. St. John, of Binghamton, N. Y.

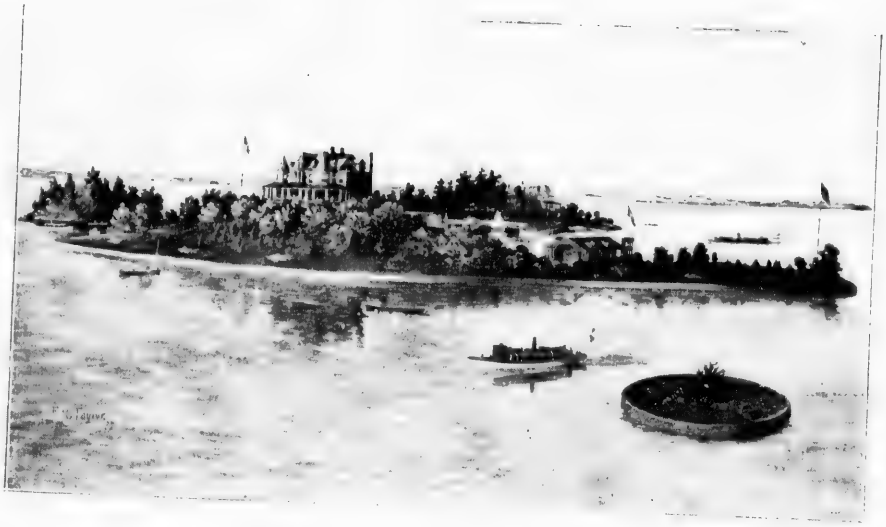
No. 52. CLAYTON, the *Entrepot* of the Islands, is a busy place in summer. It is the terminus of the R. W. & O. Railroad, and has several good hotels, the Hubbard, Walton and Windsor, all being popular.

53. PROSPECT PARK, upon the shapely point above Clayton. The WOODLANDS, the villa of Mrs. Alexander Mitchell, of Florida, with several other fine cottages, are located here.

54. Opposite Clayton is CALUMET ISLAND, which with its magnificent sandstone residence, ornate boat-house and varied improvements made by Mr. Chas. G. Emery, of New York, is probably the most costly place upon the river.

Calumet is seen with especial advantage from the CAPTAIN VISGER, which approaches close to its sea walls in passing. The beautiful steam yacht Nina, a house-boat and two naptha launches, with numerous trim skiffs may be seen in the fairy bay as we glide past. Mr. Emery owns a number of other islands, among them Robbins, upon which he has established a fine farm, orchards and green houses.

The CAPTAIN VISGER now heads away through the channel leading into Eel Bay and toward Canada. The summer Venice of wealthy Americans is left behind and primeval nature surrounds us. Camping parties and fishing skiffs are seen in the

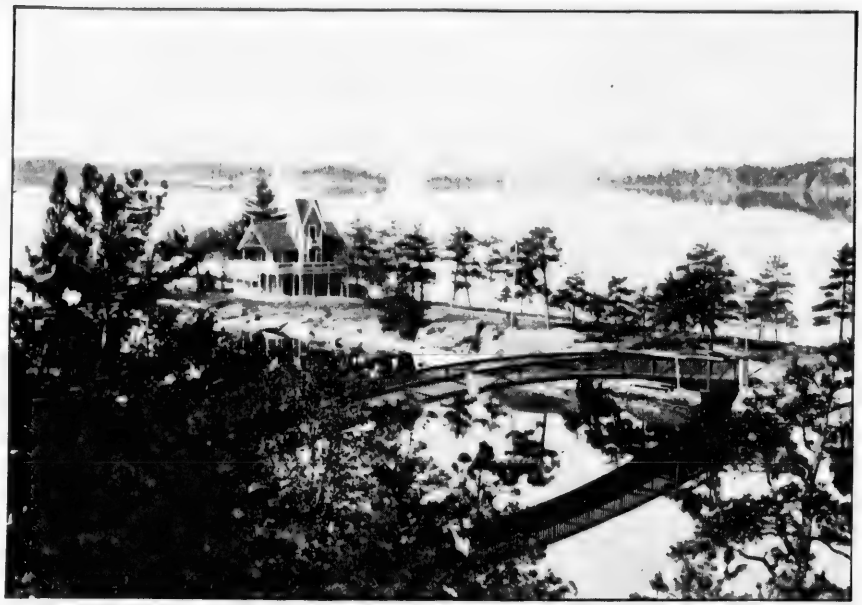


Calumet Island, owned by Chas. G. Emery.

shadows of the wildwood, where many a smoke-wreath tokens the cooking of sylvan dinners by the oarsmen after the morning's catch. One of the prettiest of these camp places is at Swiftwater Point, another at Point Anjier, and in Eel Bay at Elephant Rock and Picnic Point. For a number of years the famous American Canoe Association has held its annual August camp and races at Delaney's Point, but this season (1899) it goes to HAY ISLAND in Canadian waters just opposite GANANOQUE, ONT. Seventy acres of the ground at the foot of Grindstone Island have been bought by the State Forestry Commission for a public reservation. Similar purchases are being made elsewhere among the islands.

No. 55. Stop is made upon signal at GRAND VIEW PARK, a small but beautifully located settlement at the southwest end of big Wellesley Island. A little distance off shore runs the border line of Canada. Through the Narrows at the lighthouse upon the left is seen the Canadian town of Gananoque, a place of 3000 people. Four miles away to the right is the Lyndoc lighthouse standing at the entrance of the most beautifui group of islands of the whole river. Before turning hither our steam yacht explores the romantic channels of the Stave Island group, and courses along close to the Canadian main shore for eight miles.

56. STAVE ISLAND is owned by A. B. Chaffee and others at Montreal. Previous to 1897 no boat engaged upon the Island Ramble had ever essayed this route, and it was only after careful soundings that it was found practical to run through. After passing Stave, Smoke, Float and Sugar Islands, with glimpses of intri-



Little Lehigh Island and Bridge Connecting it with Sport Island.

cate and entrancing channels everywhere, the yacht crosses a small bay and heads directly for the main shore. There is no apparent outlet and the prospect seems imminent for the CAPTAIN VISGER to come to a stop in a farmer's garden dead ahead. By a sudden turn to the right, however, we enter Horseshoe Channel. Upon the left is the Glen House, W. W. Shipman, proprietor. Our course is now in a generally northeastern direction, passing Champagne Point and Ivy Lea. With slowed engines we enter that wonderfully narrow channel, THE NEEDLE'S EYE; from either side of the boat a person might leap ashore. Leaving this beautiful group of islands we head for the Canadian main shore at a point where there seems to be no outlet. Again with slowed engines we enter the narrow, tortuous channel called OUT OF SIGHT. There is but one place in the whole river that surpasses this in the grandeur of its natural beauty, THE WONDERFUL RIFT, which we will soon enter.

No. 57. ECHO LODGE, a pleasant hotel conducted by O. L. Potter.

From Champagne Point to Echo Lodge, no excursion steamer has ever before ventured, presumably from the belief that this channel through a dense group of islands was too intricate for navigation. This lovely link in the perfect island tour has now been added by the CAPTAIN VISGER.

The constant succession of lovely nooks and channels in this

The Captain Visger passing through the "Needle's Eye."

vicinity amaze and delight the stranger. Many of these, like the "Needle's Eye" (shown in the illustration) and "Landon's Rift" (the scene upon the cover), are to be seen from the deck of the CAPTAIN VISGER only.

Numbers of pretty summer homes have been built recently in this neighborhood, among them one on MANAWASCA ISLAND, owned by Andrew Devine, Brooklyn. The CAPTAIN VISGER passes almost directly under the veranda of this beautiful summer home.

No. 58. SURVEYOR'S ISLAND. Donald Horton, Toronto, Ont.

59. "THE SHANTY." Upon Ash Island, owned by Jos. Davidson, of Ottawa.

60. DERRY CARNE, upon Wallace Island, W. D. Morris, Ottawa.

61. NIMES POINT is owned by A. L. Causse, of New York.

62. INDIANOLA is the property of F. J. King, of Brooklyn.

63. SUMMER REST belongs to M. W. Ferris, New York.

64. FAIRJOLINE, the lovely cottage of Mr. D. F. Fairchild, of Leavenworth, Kansas.

Upon Club Island are

No. 65. COMBERMERE, the villa of Mr. J. A. Skinner, of Newark, N. J. At the foot of the Island is a lofty cottage.

66. Mrs. F. Taylor, of New York, has a fine cottage here, in a beautiful grove of pines. ROCKPORT is upon the left, and ahead is seen the lighthouse at Grenadier Island, beyond which the Canadian and American Channels come together.

67. Upon the foot of Hill Island, owned by Mrs. J. R. Sargent, Mrs. J. W. Slauson, of Middleton, N. Y., and Mrs. Bowie Dash, of Spuyten Duyvel, N. Y.

68. WESTMINSTER PARK with its large hotel is at the foot of Wellesley Island. Between Hill and Wellesley islands is the entrance to the Lake of the Isles, or "Lake Waterloo," as it is locally known. It is accessible only by rowboats and small naptha launches. A steam ferry-boat plies regularly between Westminster Park and Alexandria Bay.

The international boundary line is crossed with slowed engine, not because of any danger of getting the line tangled up in the propeller, but because the water here is shallow.

To the left of the CAPTAIN VISGER'S course is a group of noted places, among them

69. IDLEWILD I. Mrs. R. H. Eggleston, New York.

70. LITTLE LEHIGH. W. A. & R. H. Wilbur, Bethlehem, Pa.

71. SPORT I. E. P. Wilbur, Bethlehem, Pa.

72. ARCADIA. S. A. Briggs, Passadena, Cal.

73. SUMMERLAND, Rochester Colony.

This year a beautiful summer residence has been built on INA ISLAND, just above Summerland, by Arthur T. Hagan, of Rochester, N. Y.

74. LOTOS LAND, G. H. Robinson, New York.

The steamer passes to the southward between

75. DEER I. Geo. D. Miller, Albany, who has several cottages located here, and

76. HUGUENOT I. L. Hasbrouck, Ogdensburgh, N. Y.

77. FAIRYLAND, a large island to the right, contains three handsome cottages of the late Peter Hayden and Charles and William Hayden, of Columbus, O., and at the northern end of this lovely domain is

78. LITTLE FRAUD. Also owned by Wm. Hayden.

79. ST. JOHN'S ISLAND, Hon. Chas. Donahue, New York, has long been an admired feature of the river.

No. 80. MANHATTAN I., J. L. Hasbrouck and Hon. J. C. Spencer, New York, is also a notable and richly adorned property. Upon the American mainland, below Alexandria Bay, are :

81. POINT MARGUERITE, Mrs. E. Anthony, New York;

82. THE LEDGES, Mrs. S. E. R. Hudson, New York, and

83. BONNIE CASTLE, Mrs. J. G. Holland (estate), New York.

These are all costly and beautifully situated summer residences, the last named being of interest as the home, during many years, of Dr. J. G. Holland, the author, poet and editor.

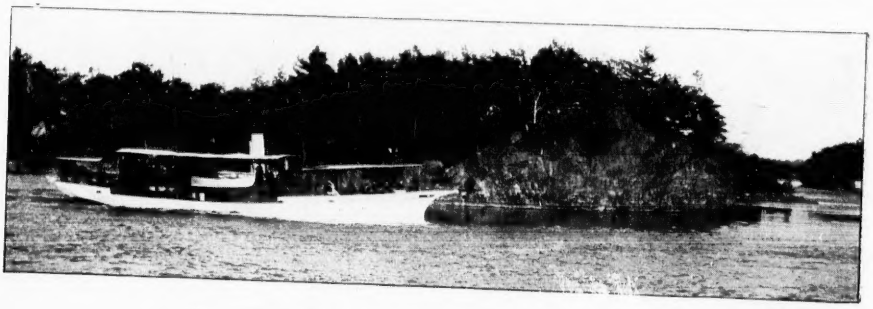
84. HEART ISLAND, Geo. C. Boldt, New York, is the most recent and elegant addition to the group of Bay places. Here the genial proprietor of the Waldorf and Astoria Hotels has created a marvelous sylvan home upon a long neglected island. The CAPTAIN VISGER is the only boat which makes a circuit of this island.

85. ISLE IMPERIAL, G. T. Rafferty, Pittsburg—a charming spot—and

86. LINLITHGOW, Mrs. R. Livingston, New York, complete the list, and the CAPTAIN VISGER steams rapidly to its berth at Alexandria Bay, from which the boat goes on at once to land passengers at all points as far as Clayton, from which the afternoon tour starts.

(Passengers going to the Parks and Clayton will find the list of islands above Alexandria Bay on page 4.)

IT is impossible to detail all of the natural and artificial features of this poetic voyage. Perhaps it is better to leave many things to the discovery of the summer voyager. It is a tour to be enjoyed many times, under all of the varying conditions of sky and water. It never wearies one, and its charms are recalled when the memories of other features in a northern journey have faded through a lapse of years. This little book should be kept as a constant reminder of a happy holiday spin upon a jaunty yacht through scenes unsurpassed for tranquil charm and poetic uggestions in all the world.



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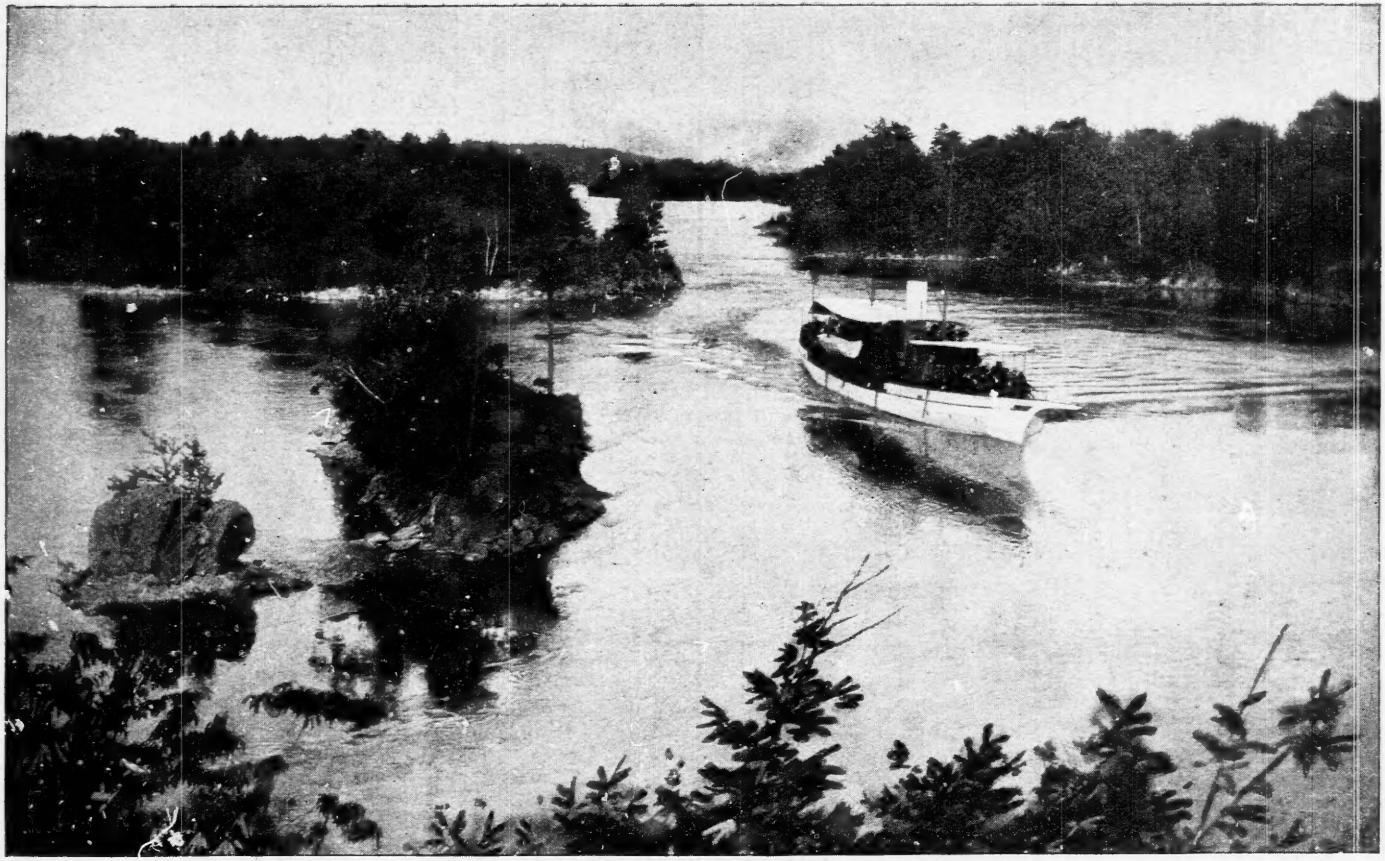

THE CAPTAIN VISGER PASSING THROUGH THE LOST CHANNEL.